



1520 U.S. Hwy. 130, Suite 101
North Brunswick, NJ 08902
(732) 257-0550 Fax (732) 257-5654
www.galexwolf.com
info@galexwolf.com

Richard Galek
Certified by the Supreme Court
of New Jersey as a Civil Trial Attorney
Member NJ, FL, OH, TX, USVI Bars

Andrew R. Wolf
Member NJ Bar

Henry P. Wolfe
Member NJ, NY, MI Bars

Lora B. Glick
Member NJ Bar

Elliot M. Gardner
Member NJ, NY Bars

Steven B. Portnoff
Of Counsel

Charles N. Miller
Of Counsel

March 30, 2010

Via E-Filing, Fax Transmission and Regular Mail

Hon. Garrett E. Brown, Jr., Chief Judge
United States District Court
Clarkson S. Fisher Federal Building & U.S. Courthouse
Room 4050
402 East State Street
Trenton, NJ 08609

RE: *Boswell v. City of New Brunswick, et al.*
Civil Action No. 3:08-cv-05098 GEB-JJH

Dear Judge Brown:

Regarding the above-captioned matter, please be advised that we have received and reviewed the reply Letter Brief authored by Susan K. O'Connor, Esq. and submitted in response to our opposition to a motion for summary judgment filed on behalf of the defendants City of New Brunswick, New Brunswick Police Department and New Brunswick Police Officer James Feaster (the "New Brunswick defendants"). We note several factual inaccuracies which directly contradict the sworn testimony in the record and which we believe are misleading. We were instructed by Your Honor's office to submit the within rebuttal letter in this regard.

We would like to call to Your Honor's attention certain statements made by Ms. O'Connor on pages 8 and 9 of her Letter Brief. Specifically, Ms. O'Connor states that "[p]laintiff conveniently ignores the fact that Mr. Boswell could have exited the park similar to the manner he entered the park, by means of: (1) New Street; (2) a covered walkway; (3) by crossing Route 18 at the intersection of Commercial Avenue where a crosswalk and traffic signal existed; or (4) by swimming the river....Clearly, it was Mr. Boswell's choice as to how to exit Boyd Park. Similarly, it was Mr. Boswell's choice to use Rte. 18 and not use New Street or the covered footbridge which allows pedestrians to

safely cross Rte. 18.” See O’Connor Ltr. Br. at pp. 8-9. These statements are both speculative and misleading.

Initially, the record is devoid of any reference to Mr. Boswell’s entering Boyd Park, which indicates that no one knows how he did so or how long he had been there. Another possibility for his entering the park is that he could have been dropped off by a friend driving by the park or in the park. However, this suggestion, like those presented in Ms. O’Connor’s Letter Brief on this issue, is nothing more than pure speculation. Accordingly, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider Ms. O’Connor’s speculative and unsubstantiated statements regarding how Mr. Boswell may have entered Boyd Park.

More importantly, Ms. O’Connor’s suggestion that Mr. Boswell could have used a covered walkway, see id. at p.8, is inappropriate because there is no evidence that this walkway, which previously linked Memorial Homes to the opposite side of Route 18, was open or operational at the time of the incident. Indeed, the fact that the footbridge was not operational is confirmed by the sworn testimony of Officer Barber, at page 47, lines 18-24 (see attached Exhibit A), wherein he stated that, at the time of Mr. Boswell’s accident, if people wanted to enjoy Boyd Park and they were trying to access the park on foot, they would have to cross Route 18. He specifically stated that there was no bridge. Ms. O’Connor has submitted no evidence whatsoever, such as verification from the Department of Transportation or a New Brunswick official to contradict Officer Barber’s testimony. Therefore, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider Ms. O’Connor’s speculative and unsubstantiated statements that a pedestrian footbridge provided additional means of egress from Boyd Park at the time of the incident.

Another misleading statement by Ms. O’Connor is her claim that Mr. Boswell may have exited Boyd Park out of “boredom” and that it was his “choice” as to how to exit Boyd Park in terms of walking toward Route 18 rather than New Street or the covered footbridge. See O’Connor Ltr. Br. at pp. 8-9. These statements directly contradict the sworn testimony of Officer Feaster, who on page 50, lines 4-7, page 58, lines 6-9, page 64, lines 6-8, page 65, lines 10-18, page 75, line 21-25, pages 76, line 1 to 77, line 1, and page 90, lines 11-23 (see attached Exhibit B), clearly states that he ordered Mr. Boswell out of the park and specifically directed him to do so by way of crossing Route 18 at Commercial Avenue. Officer Feaster’s sworn testimony leaves no doubt as to why Mr. Boswell left the park and why he crossed Route 18 at Commercial Avenue. Therefore, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider Ms. O’Connor’s misleading comments concerning how and why Mr. Boswell left Boyd Park.

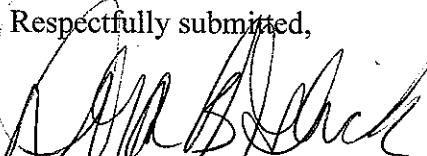
Ms. O’Connor also claims that it was Mr. Boswell’s “choice” to cross the six-lane highway at the intersection of Commercial Avenue and Route 18 without using the crosswalk and against the traffic light. See O’Connor Ltr. Br. at p. 8. Once again, these claims directly contradict Officer Barber’s sworn testimony at page 41, lines 7-15 (see attached Exhibit A), in which he states that there was no crosswalk at the intersection of Route 18 and Commercial Avenue because if there had been one, he would have noted it in his investigatory police report. In addition, there is no testimony in the record which indicates whether or not Mr. Boswell started his trip across Route 18 on a green or red

light. Therefore, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider Ms. O'Connor's speculative and misleading comments concerning how and why Mr. Boswell attempted to cross Route 18 at Commercial Avenue.

Finally, Ms. O'Connor attached as an exhibit to her Letter Brief two Google photographs dated 2002 of aerial views of what purports to be Route 18. See O'Connor Ltr. Br. at Ex. A. Ms. O'Connor fails to submit any Certification or Affidavit from anyone to indicate that these photographs represent the condition of the roadway and crossovers at the time of the accident. Therefore, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider these aerial photographs.

For all of the foregoing reasons, we respectfully urge this Court not to consider the foregoing speculative and misleading statements contained in Ms. O'Connor's Letter Brief submitted on behalf of the New Brunswick defendants in response to our opposition to their motion for summary judgment.

Respectfully submitted,



LORA B. GLICK

For the Firm

LBG/

cc: Susan K. O'Connor, Esq. (via e-file, fax transmission and regular mail)
Mario C. Colitti, Esq. (via e-file, fax transmission and regular mail)
Stephen R. Dumser, Esq. (via e-file, fax transmission and regular mail)
Steven Altman, Esq. (via e-file, fax transmission and regular mail)

EXHIBIT A

1

1

2

3

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

4

MICHAEL BOSWELL,) Case No. 08-5098 (GEB)

5

6

Plaintiff,) DEPOSITION UPON
v.) ORAL EXAMINATION
OF
STEVE EOON, KIRSTEN BYRNES,) ANTHONY DOMINIC
CHRISTINA EICKMAN, PTL. JAMES) BARBER

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

T R A N S C R I P T of the deposition of
ANTHONY DOMINIC BARBER, before BETH VITTOR, a
Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public of the
State of New Jersey, held at the offices of HOAGLAND,
LONGO, MORAN, DUNST & DOUKAS, 40 Paterson Street, New
Brunswick, New Jersey, on Thursday, January 7, 2010,
commencing at 10:10 a.m.

BETH VITTOR, CCR
Certified Court Reporter
39 Hawthorne Lane
East Windsor, New Jersey 08520
(609) 426-4704
Fax (609) 426-4703

A large, bold, black stamp with the word "COPY" in a stylized, blocky font. To the left of the text is a small icon of a document or envelope.

Boswell v. Eoon

Anthony D. Barber

January 7, 2010

38

40

1 you say 44 feet and 3 inches, that's where it begins?
 2 A I'm -- on this particular measurement
 3 I'm not exactly sure as to --
 4 Q What you meant?
 5 A No, no, I wasn't going to say that.
 6 Q Sorry.
 7 A Yes. Okay. I just had to review my
 8 diagram, it's been a long time.
 9 Q I understand.
 10 A Okay. Yes, from -- okay. From the --
 11 where the median begins, where the grass median
 12 begins --
 13 Q Referring to a page?
 14 A Yes. On page 5 of the report on the
 15 diagram.
 16 Q Okay.
 17 A Okay? You will see right by -- you will
 18 see where on the line where it says "Commercial
 19 Avenue" to the right, if you move to the center,
 20 okay, and you'll see a little "A," just above the "A"
 21 you'll see the start of the medium.
 22 Okay? The area from where the start of
 23 the medium begins up to "G" where those two little
 24 lines protrude, okay, that's the 44 feet, 3 inches;
 25 that is all grassy area there. The median -- the

39

41

1 guardrail doesn't begin until 44 feet, 3 inches from
 2 where the median, grass median first begins at the
 3 intersection, the southbound side of that
 4 intersection.
 5 Q Okay. So does the -- does the guard
 6 begin at the line in front of the "G" on your
 7 diagram?
 8 A Yes, sir, that's where it begins,
 9 approximately where it begins, yes.
 10 Q And the grass median, does that begin at
 11 the "X" with the --
 12 A Yes, sir.
 13 Q -- with the letter "A"?
 14 A Yes, sir.
 15 Q Okay. So the distance from "A" to "G"
 16 or "A" to that line is --
 17 A Well, you can't really -- yes, it's the
 18 line. Not so much the "A," that refers to something
 19 else. But the line that goes there, that half
 20 crescent line which is the start of that grassy
 21 median all the way up to the first line where just
 22 below the "G" is 44 feet, 3 inches, so that's what
 23 that means.
 24 Q So is it from the "X" to the line that's
 25 44 --

1 A Yes, yes, yes, you can use that, yes.
 2 Q Just let me finish the question.
 3 So from the "X" to the line it's 44
 4 feet, 3 inches. Correct?
 5 A Correct.
 6 Q And that 44 feet, 3 inches is a grass
 7 median. Correct?
 8 A Yes, correct.
 9 Q Do you know how wide it is?
 10 A The width, no, I don't know that.
 11 Q Do you know how high it is?
 12 A It's a mound, that's all I can tell you.
 13 Q I mean, is it higher than a man or --
 14 A Oh, no, no, no, no.
 15 Q So is it -- is it the size of a curb?
 16 A It would be a little higher than a curb
 17 approximately when it was there.
 18 Q And when I say "curb," I mean the height
 19 of an average curb.
 20 A It would be a little higher.
 21 Q Okay. But you could -- any pedestrian
 22 could walk acrossed it?
 23 A They could walk on it, yes.
 24 Q They could stand on it?
 25 A Yes, sir.

46

1 side that he crossed?

2 A Southbound side, yes.

3 Q All right. Is that because that's where
4 he found his body -- or, I'm sorry, that's where you
5 were told his body was, or that anybody actually saw
6 him cross?

7 A Well, we have a witness that said they
8 saw him cross, and there was physical evidence at
9 those -- at that particular part of the scene.

10 Q Okay. So the witness you're talking
11 about is Joy Simmons. Correct?

12 A Yes.

13 Q When you say she saw him cross, she saw
14 him on the median. Correct?

15 A That's what she said to me, yes, I
16 believe so.

17 Q There's no witness that says they saw
18 him cross from the Boyd Park side. Correct?

19 A Not to my knowledge.

20 Q No. The only witnesses that we know
21 about, all -- the first observation of him by Ms.
22 Simmons shows him in the median and then stepping out
23 into the southbound lane. Correct?

24 A Yes.

25 Q All right. Now, it's at that point that

47

1 you concluded from the witnesses' statements that he
2 had a -- "he" meaning the pedestrian, was crossing
3 against a red light. Correct?

4 A Yes.

5 Q But would it be fair to say that when he
6 first started to cross the northbound lanes, do you
7 know what color the light was for him?

8 A No.

9 Q Do you know how long it took him to
10 cross the northbound lanes?

11 A No.

12 Q Do you know, did you get the timing
13 sequence of these lights?

14 A No, I -- no.

15 Q So you don't know how long the light is
16 red or green. Correct?

17 A No, sir.

18 Q And at that time people who were
19 enjoying Boyd Park in order to get across Route 18
20 would have to cross at the intersection, is that
21 correct, if they're on foot?

22 A Yes.

23 Q There was no bridge?

24 A No.

25 Q And the light that a pedestrian would

48

1 have to rely upon is the letter "B" that you wrote in
2 the median?

3 A One of them, yes.

4 Q Okay. Well, there's only two lights.

5 Correct?

6 A Well, there were two lights, yes.

7 Q By lights we mean traffic signals?

8 A Yes.

9 Q So if he's standing on the corner and
10 looking at the median, would a pedestrian be able to
11 see, because of the configuration of the lighting or
12 the light, whether he had a red light or green light?

13 MS. CLEAVER: Objection to form.

14 A I can't -- I don't know, sir, I couldn't
15 answer that one.

16 Q Well, let me rephrase the question.

17 Do you know if the traffic signal as
18 you've drawn it in the diagram, page 3, shows the
19 color of the light for the north and southbound
20 traffic?

21 A I don't recall, I don't recall that --
22 whether it shows both sides or not.

23 Q Okay. Well, how would a person going
24 north on Route 18 know to stop at that intersection?
25 Wouldn't he have to be able to see -- isn't there a

49

1 light there that tells him to stop when it's red?

2 A Yes.

3 Q And same thing with the southbound
4 traffic. Right?

5 A Yes.

6 Q And you concluded from the investigation
7 that these people traveling south all had a green
8 light. Correct?

9 A Yes.

10 Q Okay. But my question simply is, if a
11 pedestrian were trying to cross the intersection and
12 he looked at the light, would it tell him red or
13 green in terms of crossing?

14 A If he looks at the light, yes.

15 Q Yeah, okay. There's no "walk/don't
16 walk" sign. Right?

17 A No.

18 Q All right. And we don't know what color
19 the light was for Mr. Boswell when he crossed the
20 northbound lanes. Correct?

21 A That I don't know.

22 Q Now, you mentioned construction barrels.

23 A Yes, sir.

24 Q And I think you wrote in the number of
25 them. Correct? That was your "J." I see four

EXHIBIT B

1

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY (TRENTON)
3 CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:08-cv-05098-GEB-LHG

4 MICHAEL BOSWELL, an :
5 Incapacitated Person by :
6 his Guardian Ad Litem, :
7 ETHEL BOSWELL, and :
8 ETHEL BOSWELL, :
9 individually, :
10 :

11 Plaintiffs, :
12 :

13 --vs-- :
14 :

15 STEVE EOON, KIRSTEN :
16 BYRNES, CHRISTINA :
17 EICKMAN, PTL. JAMES :
18 FEISTER, NEW BRUNSWICK :
19 POLICE DEPARTMENT, CITY :
20 OF NEW BRUNSWICK, and :
21 JOHN DOES (#1 thru #5), :
22 :

23 Defendants. :
24 -----
25 * * * * *

26 Wednesday, July 15, 2009
27 * * * * *

28 T R A N S C R I P T in the above
29 matter taken by Elisabeth A. Landi, Certified Court
30 Reporter and Notary Public of the State of New
31 Jersey, at the offices of HOAGLAND, LONGO, MORAN,
32 DUNST & DOUKAS, ESQUIRES, 40 Paterson Street, New
33 Brunswick, New Jersey, commencing at 10:20 a.m.
34 :

35 :

36 :

37 BETH VITTOR, C.C.R.
38 CERTIFIED COURT REPORTERS
39 39 Hawthorne Lane
40 East Windsor, New Jersey 08520
41 (609) 426-4704
42 FAX (609) 426-4703
43 :

	50		52
1	A. Yes.	1	it because you couldn't hear it or because you
2	Q. Nothing else?	2	couldn't understand him?
3	A. No.	3	A. Probably both.
4	Q. And then what did you observe next?	4	Q. All right. So what happened next?
5	A. Going towards the canal. I tell him he	5	A. He walked towards Commercial Avenue. I
6	has to leave the park and I point in the direction	6	went back to my patrol car. I sat there. I did my
7	of Commercial Avenue.	7	paperwork.
8	Q. Which would be across Route 18?	8	Q. What paperwork?
9	A. Well, which is -- has a traffic light	9	A. I issued him another summons.
10	there and -- yeah, crosses Route 18, but in that	10	Q. For?
11	direction, right. And I thought -- go ahead. I'm	11	A. Ticket.
12	sorry.	12	Q. Is that --
13	Q. You thought what?	13	A. For open container. That's P-2 exhibit.
14	A. I thought he was going to pick up	14	Q. Was there any particular reason why you
15	something and that's why he was moving towards the	15	didn't do that in his presence?
16	canal, maybe some property of his or something like	16	A. I did that because he ripped up the
17	that.	17	original ticket.
18	Q. Did you see any property?	18	Q. Okay. But I mean you could have stopped
19	A. No, no.	19	him, correct?
20	Q. All right. So what happened next?	20	A. For what?
21	A. After I directed him to move out of the	21	Q. For --
22	park he -- I heard him saying something, not sure	22	MR. CORSON: Let him ask the questions.
23	exactly what he said, but he was saying things.	23	You answer the questions.
24	Q. Let me just stop you. He had started to	24	THE WITNESS: I'm sorry.
25	go towards the canal.	25	BY MR. GALEX:
	51		53
1	A. Canal, right.	1	Q. You could have stopped him to issue the
2	Q. You directed him out of the park.	2	summons.
3	A. Right.	3	A. Yes.
4	Q. And did he walk past you to get out of	4	Q. But you chose not to.
5	the park?	5	A. Correct.
6	A. No. He walked around the concession area	6	Q. And this summons that you wrote was open
7	or the, you know, the concrete platforms there.	7	container and then you wrote alcohol and then you
8	Q. So he -- he didn't cross your path again.	8	wrote beer.
9	A. No.	9	Do you know why you wrote both the word
10	Q. But you could observe him?	10	alcohol and beer?
11	A. From point to point, yes.	11	A. Having an open container of alcohol in
12	Q. So did you observe him doing anything or	12	the City of New Brunswick in the park or even on the
13	--	13	streets is a violation of the ordinances of the City
14	A. He was ripping up my ticket.	14	of New Brunswick, and so I issued him the ticket.
15	Q. Ripping it up?	15	Q. Now, did you issue this ticket before the
16	A. Yes.	16	accident took place?
17	Q. Could you see that?	17	A. Yes.
18	A. Yes.	18	Q. Were you aware of the accident?
19	Q. Did you retrieve it?	19	MR. CORSON: I'll object to form.
20	A. No.	20	BY MR. GALEX:
21	Q. And did he say something when he ripped	21	Q. At some point in time the accident
22	it up?	22	happened.
23	A. He was saying something, but I could not	23	A. Correct.
24	make out what he was saying.	24	Q. Were you aware of it?
25	Q. When you say you couldn't make it out is	25	A. That I issued --

58

1 you directed him out of the park?
 2 You said that he was walking towards the
 3 canal. You stopped him. I assume with your hand or
 4 verbally?

A. Verbally.

6 Q. And told him to -- do you remember your
 7 exact words?

8 **A. You have to leave the park. And I
 9 motioned toward Commercial Avenue.**

10 Q. All right. Did you know that he was
 11 homeless at the time?

12 **A. No, sir.**

13 Q. Have you seen the subsequent reports
 14 written by other police officers in this case?

15 **A. I've seen the report written by Officer
 16 -- let me think. Barber. Barber. Anthony Barber.
 17 When -- I saw his report, yes.**

18 Q. And he listed his address as homeless; is
 19 that correct?

20 **A. On the report, yes.**

21 Q. Can you take a look at that?

22 **A. Yes, sir.**

23 Q. In Barber's report on page 17 -- strike
 24 that.

25 Did Barber interview you?

59

1 **A. Yes.**

2 Q. Is it that night or later?

3 **A. That night.**

4 Q. Did he ask you what information you had
 5 about this event?

6 **A. I offered information about it.**

7 Q. Now, I'm going to read to you what Barber
 8 wrote.

9 **A. Okay.**

10 Q. And I'm going to ask you if that's what
 11 you told him.

12 **A. Okay.**

13 Q. He says, P1, which I assume is
 14 pedestrian, was lying on a bench in Boyd Park
 15 located near State Highway Route 18, New Brunswick,
 16 New Jersey, at approximately 1:45 a.m.

17 Is that what you told him?

18 **A. I don't recall about the time, but I told
 19 him, yes.**

20 Q. Then it says, Police Officer Feaster
 21 entered Boyd Park and observed P1.

22 Is that what you told him?

23 **A. Not in those words.**

24 Q. Tell me what words you remember telling
 25 him.

60

1 **A. I remember telling him that I knew the
 2 name of the person that was struck and was under a
 3 vehicle. I recall telling him that I had an
 4 encounter with him and had issued tickets to him in
 5 Boyd Park. I told him that I found him underneath
 6 the car after they sent me to the incident.**

7 Q. Say that again?

8 **A. He was found underneath the car when they
 9 sent me to the accident. I told him that I had --
 10 he had a bottle of alcohol in the park. I told him
 11 I issued him two summonses. I think that's what I
 12 told him.**

13 Q. Did you ever ask Mr. Boswell where he
 14 lived?

15 **A. No.**

16 Q. Did you ask him if he had a phone number?

17 **A. No, sir.**

18 Q. Did you ask him if he had relatives?

19 **A. No, sir.**

20 Q. Did you know that he had recently been
 21 incarcerated?

22 **A. No, sir.**

23 Q. When you called in to find out about
 24 outstanding warrants, you did not receive any
 25 information about prior incarcerations?

61

1 **A. No, sir.**

2 Q. That's not something that you would
 3 normally receive?

4 **A. No.**

5 Q. They just tell you if there's a warrant
 6 or not a warrant.

7 **A. That's correct.**

8 Q. Going on with what the other officer
 9 wrote, he says, as Feaster approached P1, he sat up
 10 and looked at Feaster. Feaster observed a
 11 half-filled open quart bottle of beer under P1's
 12 bench.

13 Do you recall if that's what you told
 14 him?

15 **A. Could you read that to me again?**

16 Q. Sure.

17 **A. Thank you.**

18 Q. As Feaster approached P1, he sat up and
 19 looked at Feaster. Feaster observed a half-filled
 20 open quart bottle of beer under P1's bench.

21 **A. That's not how I would tell him that
 22 incident. You have to realize that he's taking a
 23 lot of statements and he's trying to incorporate
 24 this into a report.**

25 Q. Is this at the scene?

	62		64
1	A. I told him about my encounter with Mr.	1	Do you remember that?
2	Boswell prior to the accident.	2	A. That, I do not recall ever saying to him
3	Right. But did you tell him at the scene	3	then. In fact, I didn't, because that wasn't what
4	of the accident?	4	transpired.
5	A. Yes.	5	Q. So you don't know where he got that from?
6	Q. When I say him I mean Officer --	6	A. I don't. I know what I told him, which
7	A. Barber.	7	was that I told Mr. Boswell he had to leave the park
8	-- Barber. Does Barber still work for	8	and I directed him with my arm.
9	the police department?	9	Q. But Boswell never cursed at you?
10	A. No. He's retired, sir.	10	A. I told Officer Barber that he was saying
11	Q. Do you know where he lives?	11	something to me, but I couldn't make out what he was
12	A. I'm not sure where he lives.	12	saying.
13	Q. Do you have to live in New Brunswick to	13	Q. But my question is, do you recall if
14	be a police officer?	14	Boswell ever cursed at you?
15	A. To join the department you do.	15	A. I could not make that out.
16	Q. But you don't know if he lives in New	16	Q. It says, and I am just reading it, and
17	Brunswick?	17	then it says at -- oh, cursed at Feaster. Then it
18	A. I'm not sure. I know at one time he	18	19 says P1 was then issued another city ordinance, SC
19	lived in New Brunswick. I don't know now.	19	050226, for drinking in public. In public. Period.
20	Q. Do you know where he lived?	20	Did you issue that ticket to him, meaning
21	A. Where he lived?	21	Boswell, because of something Boswell did?
22	Q. Yeah.	22	A. He was issued that summons because of the
23	A. One time -- I'm trying to think. At one	23	open container of alcohol in the park.
24	time -- well, it's now called Raritan Crossing. He	24	Q. Were you under the impression that he had
25	lived out there.	25	been drinking in the park?
	63		65
1	Q. When's the last time you saw him?	1	MR. CORSON: Object to form.
2	A. Couple months ago.	2	You can answer.
3	Q. Is that at the police station?	3	THE WITNESS: I believe that he had an
4	A. I believe so.	4	open container and he might have -- he would have
5	Q. Did you ask him what he's doing?	5	consumed that.
6	A. I didn't have conversation with him at	6	BY MR. GALEX:
7	that time.	7	Q. Now, is there an ordinance that forbids
8	Q. His report goes on to say that Feaster	8	drinking in the park or just have an open container?
9	asked P1 for I.D. and did a warrants check.	9	A. Open container.
10	Do you remember telling him that?	10	Q. It then says Feaster then advised P1 to
11	A. Yes.	11	leave the park.
12	Q. It came back negative.	12	So, is that what you told Officer Barber,
13	Do you remember telling him that?	13	that after he walked towards the canal, discarded
14	A. Yes.	14	the ticket and you started to write up the ticket
15	Q. Feaster then advised P1 he could not stay	15	you told him to leave the park?
16	in the park after dark and issued city ordinance SC	16	A. I told Officer Barber that he started to
17	050225 for drinking in park after dark.	17	walk towards the canal and I directed him to the
18	Do you remember telling him that?	18	other side, which is Commercial Avenue.
19	A. I remember telling him that I issued two	19	Q. Right. You said that P -- or he said
20	city summonses and one was for being in the park	20	that P1 is familiar with the area.
21	after-hours and having an open container.	21	Do you know where he got that information
22	Q. He then says P1 began to leave, walking	22	from?
23	towards the canal. P1 threw the summons away.	23	A. No, sir.
24	Feaster observed -- observing this, walked up to P1	24	Q. Is that something you told Barber?
25	and P1 began to curse.	25	A. I don't recall saying that to Barber.

74

1 Q. If he -- if you knew that he was
2 homeless, would your actions have been any different
3 that evening?

4 MR. CORSON: I'll object to form.
5 You can answer.

6 THE WITNESS: Could you answer that
7 question -- ask that question again? I'm sorry.

8 MR. GALEX: Yeah.

9 BY MR. GALEX:

10 Q. You direct him out of the park.

11 A. Right.

12 Q. If you knew that he was homeless, would
13 you have directed him out of the park?

14 A. It's not a yes or no answer. Okay?

15 There are -- there is a shelter in the City of New
16 Brunswick that does take in people. And if that was
17 the case, if he had told me he was homeless, I could
18 have taken him to the homeless shelter.

19 Q. Is that discretionary?

20 A. It's common sense.

21 Q. Let me just rephrase my question.
22 Are you trained to take a homeless person
23 to a shelter when you find him sitting in a park at
24 1:30 in the morning? Is that part of your
25 instructional training?

75

1 A. Yes. It has been part of my training
2 from my -- my training officers to other officers
3 that I've worked with and I consider that part of my
4 training.

5 Q. And was there a shelter available?

6 A. There is a shelter in New Brunswick.

7 Q. Where is that?

8 A. That's on -- not far from the park, in
9 fact. It's up on -- off of Commercial Avenue and
10 Nielson. I forget the -- I think it's called the
11 Osmond Shelter.

12 Q. Now, tell me what you remember in terms
13 of the accident.

14 Did you see it take place?

15 A. No, sir.

16 Q. Did you see Mr. Boswell enter Route 18?

17 A. No, sir.

18 Q. When did you last see him before the
19 accident happened?

20 A. I saw him walking out of the park.

21 Q. When you say out of, you mean towards
22 Commercial Avenue?

23 A. That is correct.

24 Q. And there's a light at that intersection?

25 A. Yes, sir.

76

1 Q. What were the lighting conditions in that
2 intersection?

3 A. There's streetlights and there is a
4 traffic light and there's crosswalks, painted.

5 Q. A center divider?

6 A. Yes, sir.

7 Q. And so would you say the area is fairly
8 well lit at the time that you issued the summons?

9 A. Yes.

10 Q. And would it be fair to say that you knew
11 when you directed him out of the park that he would
12 have to cross Route 18 to get to wherever he was
13 going?

14 MR. CORSON: Object to form.

15 You can answer.

16 THE WITNESS: Could you ask that question
17 again, sir?

18 MR. GALEX: Sure.

19 BY MR. GALEX:

20 Q. Since you direct him out of the park, in
21 order to get out of the park would he have to cross
22 Route 18?

23 A. Yes.

24 Q. And you anticipated that he would follow
25 your instruction, correct?

77

1 A. Yes.

2 Q. Now, you didn't see him crossing Route
3 18.

4 A. No, sir.

5 Q. You didn't see the accident happen.

6 A. No, sir.

7 Q. How did you know that it took place?

8 A. I was sitting in my patrol car and the
9 dispatcher came over and told me that there's an
10 accident on Route 18 and Commercial Avenue.

11 Q. So what did you do?

12 A. So I went over to there.

13 Q. You walked?

14 A. No, drove in the patrol car. I'm sorry.

15 Q. And you're the first officer at the
16 scene?

17 A. Yes, sir.

18 Q. And what did you see?

19 A. I saw two vehicles that were in the
20 intersection. People were outside the cars. They
21 were in an excited state. Person told me that a
22 person was under the car. I says let me -- show me.
23 They took me. I looked under the I -- under the
24 vehicle and I saw a person that was dressed the same
25 as Mr. Boswell.

90

1 MR. CORSON: I just have a few questions.
 2 (EXAMINATION OF MR. FEASTER BY MR. CORSON:)
 3 Q. You testified during the course of your
 4 dep that Mr. Boswell had spoken to you at least on
 5 one occasion and then said something out of your
 6 hearing on another occasion; is that correct?

7 A. **That is correct.**

8 Q. Was there anything about his speech that
 9 indicated to you that he was intoxicated?

10 A. **No.**

11 Q. When you directed him from Boyd Park did
 12 you direct him toward the Commercial Avenue
 13 intersection or did you direct him to leave the
 14 park?

15 A. **I directed him in the direction of
 16 Commercial Avenue.**

17 Q. Did you tell him to go to the
 18 intersection of Commercial Avenue?

19 A. **No, sir.**

20 Q. What did you tell him?

21 A. **I directed him. I said you have to leave
 22 the park and I, with an arm movement, showed him
 23 where to go in direction.**

24 Q. Based on your training, did you make
 25 sufficient observations of Mr. Boswell on that

91

1 evening to make a determination as to whether or not
 2 he was intoxicated?

3 A. **Yes.**

4 Q. Based on your training, do you believe he
 5 was intoxicated that evening?

6 A. **No.**

7 Q. Do you believe he was a danger to himself
 8 that evening?

9 A. **No.**

10 Q. Did you believe it was necessary for you
 11 to contact an ambulance that evening?

12 A. **No.**

13 Q. At any time did Mr. Boswell identify to
 14 you that the bottle of beer in the location belonged
 15 to him?

16 A. **No.**

17 Q. Did you observe him drinking from the
 18 bottle at any time?

19 A. **No, sir.**

20 Q. Did you observe him drinking at all that
 21 evening?

22 A. **No, sir.**

23 MR. CORSON: I have nothing else.
 24 (EXAMINATION OF MR. FEASTER BY MR. GALEX:)

25 Q. You believed it was his bottle, correct?

92

1 A. **Pardon me?**

2 Q. You believed it was his bottle, correct?

3 A. **Yes.**

4 Q. That's why you wrote the summons.

5 A. **Yes.**

6 MR. GALEX: That's all I have. Thank
 7 you.

8 (Witness excused.)

9 (Testimony concluded at 12:20 p.m.)

93

1 Certificate

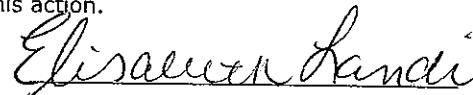
2 I, Elisabeth A. Landi, a Notary Public and
 3 Certified Court Reporter of the State of New Jersey,
 4 do hereby certify that prior to the commencement of
 5 the examination,

6 James Feaster

7 was duly sworn by me to testify to the truth,
 8 the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

9 I do further certify that the foregoing is
 10 a true and accurate transcript of the testimony
 11 as taken stenographically by and before me at the
 12 time, place and on the date hereinbefore set forth.

13 I do further certify that I am neither a
 14 relative nor employee nor attorney nor counsel of
 15 any of the parties to this action, and that I am
 16 neither a relative nor employee of such attorney or
 17 counsel and that I am not financially interested in
 18 this action.

19
 20 

Elisabeth A. Landi, C.C.R., R.P.R.

21 Notary Public, State of New Jersey

My Commission Expires May 15, 2013

22 Certificate No. XIO1590

Date: July 22, 2009

23
 24
 25